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FSU Named One of Affordable Colleges Foundation's Top Online MBA Programs for 2014-2015



FSU has been listed as number 25 in Affordable Colleges Foundation's ranking of 68 of the nation's Best Online MBA Programs for 2014-2015, which were analyzed on several cost-, quality- and student support-related metrics, such as student-faculty ratio, percentage of faculty with doctorates, number of online MBA options, number of MBAs conferred and full tuition of the online MBA program. More than 500 colleges were analyzed.

"One of the most important goals of our AACSB-accredited College of Business has always been to offer our students an online Master of Business Administration degree that is one of the least expensive programs in the nation, without compromising our commitment to high-quality graduate education, and the academic support that our students need to succeed," said Dr. Ahmad Tootoonchi, dean of the College of Business at FSU. "We have been able to achieve this goal through a strong collaborative relationship among our MBA coordinator, our highly qualified faculty and the director of Graduate Services at FSU."

The foundation highlighted FSU's efforts to allow working professionals to earn an advanced credential in a flexible learning environment. FSU offers rolling admissions for the online MBA program, so that students can begin in the spring, summer or fall term. The application process is open to individuals with bachelor's degrees, even those without prior academic training in business. The program is geared toward business and non-business majors with work experience, but is also open to recent college graduates.

It also noted that FSU's distance learning model offers opportunities to build connections and interact with professors. FSU's graduate faculty also receive support to further their knowledge of online teaching techniques, and they regularly share this knowledge and ideas for improvement with one another.

FSU's online MBA program costs only a third of the national average, the foundation said, making FSU a leader in the movement to leverage online learning to create a more affordable education system. The foundation estimates the cost of FSU's MBA at \$12,852. In addition, FSU's program is accredited by AACSB International – The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. FSU's online MBA program requires 36 to 42 credit hours, depending on the student's academic background. Academic experiences focus on developing communication skills, strategies for approaching professional challenges and a strong understanding of current business technology.

The foundation's selections for the top online MBA programs offer not only flexibility, but academic rigor, student support and cost structures that rival – and in some cases surpass – their campus-based counterparts. The complete rankings can be found online at www.affordablecollegesonline.org/online-colleges/mba-programs.

Affordable Colleges Foundation, a leading resource for online learning and college affordability information, began in 2011 to provide quality data and information about pursuing an affordable higher education.

For info about FSU's MBA program, call the Office of Graduate Services at 301-687-7053, email gradservices@frostburg.edu or visit www.frostburg.edu/grad.

Readings

FSU Creative Writing Center Hosts Author Marion Winik



Nonfiction author Marion Winik will read from her works on **Tuesday, Nov. 18**, at 7:30 p.m. in the Lyric Theatre, 20 E. Main St. in Frostburg. The reading is sponsored by FSU's Center for Creative writing and followed by a book sale and reception.

Winik started writing personal essays in the late '80s, which first appeared in The Austin Chronicle. She went on to publish a book of personal essays, "Telling," in 1994.

She won the Austin Writers' League Violet Crown Award and made the list of the New York Times "Notable Books" for her first memoir, "First Comes Love," which tells the story of her marriage and her first husband's battle with AIDS. Her other works include "The Lunch-Box Chronicles," "Rules for the Unruly," "Above Us Only Sky," "The Glen Rock Book of the Dead," "nonstop" and "BoyCrazy."

She teaches creative writing and publishing arts at the University of Baltimore, and she has a column on the webpage BaltimoreFishbowl.com. She recently published another memoir "Highs in the Low Fifties: How I Stumbled Through the Joys of Single Living."

This program is free and open to the public. For info, contact the Center for Creative Writing at cwcenter@frostburg.edu or 301-687-4340.

Presentations

Entrepreneur Justin Jones-Fosu – 'Be an ACTION Hero'



Entrepreneur Justin Jones-Fosu will speak at FSU on **Tuesday, Nov. 18**, at 7 p.m. in Lane Manicur Hall. His program, called "Be an ACTION Hero," focuses on inspiring students to put their visions into action to benefit their college communities and lives.

Jones-Fosu will explain implementing change and successfully communicating within an organization, and he will talk about the benefits of collaboration between organizations. He redefines diversity as authentic listening, openness and respect. The segment titled "The Freshman 15" gives students time-management tips to succeed academically and socially. The final topic covered will be creating healthy relationships.

In 2008, Jones-Fosu was named to Ebony magazine's "30 Young Leaders Under 30 on the Rise." He recently published his first book, "Inspiration for Life: Dream Bigger, Do More, Live Fuller!" In his hometown of Baltimore, he hosts a weekly radio show on WEAA 88.9 FM.

This event is sponsored by the BURG Peer Education Network and free and open to the public. For info, contact Don Swogger at dswogger@frostburg.edu or 301-687-4761.

Fall Academic Enrichment Series

The fall 2014 Academic Enrichment Series, presented by the Academic Success Network, will assist with preparing for life after college, improving your academic skills, building self-confidence and networking skills and learning more about yourself and campus resources.

Dr. Kevin Simonson, staff psychologist/counselor in the Department of Counseling & Psychological Services, will give a talk on "Test Anxiety" on **Wednesday, Nov. 19**, at 1 p.m. in Lane 113. Test anxiety consists of a combination of negative thinking and physiological responses. These two factors work together to create feelings of anxiety that interfere with one's ability to perform in a testing situation. Come join the group to learn effective techniques to reduce test anxiety.

For info, contact the Center for Academic Advising and Retention at 301-687-3404.

Appalachian Laboratory Fall Seminar Series

Dr. David Nelson, UMCES Appalachian Laboratory, will present "Ecological Changes Across Space and Time: Using Stable Isotopes as Nature's Recorders" on **Thursday, Nov. 20**, at 3:30 p.m. in AL Room 109. For info, go to www.umces.edu/al/seminar/schedule.

Music

Unless otherwise noted, recitals and concerts will take place in PAC Pealer Recital Hall and are free and open to the public. For info, contact the Department of Music at x4109.

FSU Tunes at Noon Presents Chasing Lovely



Sister duo Chasing Lovely will perform as a part of FSU's Tunes at Noon sponsored by the Office of Student Activities on **Tuesday, Nov. 18**, at noon in the Lane University Center Loft.

Chloe and Taylor Turner will perform pop, rock and country songs laced with mandolin, banjo and acoustic guitar.

The name came about after one of the sisters, Taylor, started a blog and came up with the word lovely to describe the beauty of her heart and mind. Chasing Lovely recently finished an independent tour. They'll use their sister chemistry to perform songs from the heart.

For info, contact the Lane Center Information Desk at 301-687-4411.

FSU Vocal Jazz Ensemble Celebrates Fourth Season



Back row, left to right, Johnathan Archer, Sarah Marean, Sean Scriber, Alexa Bashaw, Joshua Schimming, Katelyn Hendrix, Geoffrey Westbrook and Darcy Blumberg; Dr. Sean Beachy at the piano; and seated, Danielle Garratt, Zachary Dodge, Jacob Fader and Mikayla Dodge

Join the FSU Vocal Jazz Ensemble in its fourth season featuring 12 talented singers accompanied by *Dr. Sean Beachy* on piano, *Mike Murphy* on bass, *Dunel Petit Frere* on drums and sound technician *David Kincaid*. They will perform in concert on **Thursday, Nov. 20**, at 7:30 p.m.

Under the direction of *Dr. Karen Sarnaker* and Beachy, the ensemble will perform a variety of vocal jazz styles, including swing selections “Taking a Chance on Love” arranged by Dave Barduhn, “You Turned the Tables on Me” by Kelly Kunz and “Boplicity” by Miles Davis, arranged by Kirk Marcy.

The concert will continue with blues and ballads, including “Blues for Stephanie” arranged by Jason Owens, “Then She Smiled” arranged by Ken Krintz, “Never Give Up” by Ken Krintz and the lovely “Blackberry Winter” arranged by Dave Cross.

The concert will conclude with “Words” by the Real Group’s Anders Edenroth, a witty sophisticated work that examines the nature of words, exploring their sense, their social role and the varied ways they can be sung and spoken, and Michelle Weir’s upbeat Latin arrangement of “Cinnamon and Cloves.”

FSU Brass Ensemble Performs Concert

The FSU Brass Ensemble under the direction of *Kevin McManus* will perform on **Friday, Nov. 21**, at 7:30 p.m.

The concert will begin with the upbeat, rhythmic piece “La Mourisque” by Tielman Susato and arranged by John Iveson. The ensemble will perform the military band-inspired “First Suite in E-flat” by Gustav Holst, arranged by Geoffrey Bergler.

Trombonist *Marc Williams* and pianist *Dr. Jay DeWire* will accompany the performance of selections from “Four Serious Songs” by Johannes Brahms that pose questions about human existence and paradoxical ideas, expressed by unrhythmic verses and a strophe effect. *Hunter Martin* and DeWire will accompany the ensemble during Paul Hindemith’s multi-movement piece “Sonate for Tuba.”

Various music genres are represented in the recital, which include the English folk song “Bushes and Briars” by Ralph Vaughan Williams, arranged by Richard Myers, and “Farewell” by Winfield B. Carson. In the spirit of the holiday season, the ensemble will play “O Magnum Mysterium” by Francis Poulenc, arranged by K. McManus. The concert will conclude with Christian Comm’s “Summer Songs,” a three-movement piece.

The ensemble is comprised of trumpeters *Jeremy Johnson* and *Alex Kooker*, *Geoffrey Westbrook* and *Erin Radcliffe* on horns, Williams, bass trombonist *Maame Agyekum*, and Martin and *Jeb Cliber* on the tubas.

FSU Chamber Choir in Fall Choral Concert

The FSU Chamber Choir will present its Fall Choral Concert on **Sunday, Nov. 23**, at 4 p.m. at Emmanuel Episcopal Church at 16 Washington St. in Cumberland. This concert will honor the memory of the *Rev. Edward “Bo” Chapman*, who taught at FSU and was a rector at Emmanuel Episcopal, and FSU accompanist *Betty Jane Phillips*, both ardent supporters of the Chamber Choir.

Under the direction of *Dr. Karen Sarnaker* and assisted by pianist and assistant conductor *Dr. Sean Beachy*, the Chamber Choir’s performance will celebrate contemporary American compositions and conductors such as “Always Singing” by Dale Warland, an American conductor, composer and founder of the Grammy-nominated Dale Warland singers; Morton Lauridsen’s eight-part setting of “Ave Maria” (characterized by unusually rich harmonic textures); and Daniel Elder’s mysterious and orchestrally conceived “O Magnum Mysterium.” The concert will continue with Z. Randall Stroope’s “Four Spanish Sonnets” based on the poetry of Spanish poet and soldier Garcilaso de la Vega.

The concert will conclude with the choir’s performance of “Twa Tanbou” by the Haitian composer Sydney Guillaume, a piece involving drums and teamwork of all its members, conducted by *Catherine Mayhew*; Norman Luboff’s “Deep River”; and the gospel selection “Ain’t No Grave” by Paul Caldwell and Sean Ivory, with Beachy on piano.

Flute, Saxophone and Bassoon Ensembles Join for Concert

FSU’s Department of Music will present the Flute, Saxophone and Bassoon Ensembles Concert on **Monday, Nov. 24**, at 7:30 p.m.

The recital will begin with the traditional Scottish song “Loch Lomond” arranged by Keith Hanlon. The Flute Choir will then preform a couple of traditional holiday jazz favorites, “The First Noel” and “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen” arranged by Lennie Niehaus.

The Saxophone Orchestra will play F.A. Hoffmeister’s “Trio in D – Allegro Moderato” arranged by Otto Biba. The Flute Trio will perform “Drastic Measures” by Russell Peck.

The Saxophone quartet will perform a piece from the opera “Carmen,” “Carmen for Four” by French composer Georges Bizet. The Flute Quartet will continue this theme with another piece from the opera, “Habanera” arranged by Frank Halferty, followed by

“Base, Vile Blues” by Emile Deviniez and “Humorous Scherzo for Four Bassoons, Op. 12, No. 9” by Sergei Prokofieff.

Last of all, the Bassoon Quartet will perform the traditional “A Welsh Lullaby” arranged by Keith Hanlon, and the Flute Choir will perform “Ulla in Africa” by Heiner Wiberny.

Clarinet Ensemble Presents Recital

The FSU Clarinet Ensemble will present a recital on **Tuesday, Dec. 2**, at 7:30 p.m.

The ensemble, under the direction of **Dr. Mark Gallagher**, will begin with Amy Marcy Beach’s “Waltz, Op. 36,” which has a strongly accented beat. “Sonata No. 5 in E-flat Major” by Italian organist and composer Giuseppe Gherardeschi will follow. The ensemble will present the romantic style “Firth Trio for Clarinets, Op. 8, No. 2” by Jacques Bouffil. The recital will also include select holiday carols like “Twas the Night Before Christmas for Clarinet Ensemble and Narrator” narrated by student **Trace Livengood**.

Members of the ensemble are **Sierra Green, Mallory Heinrich, Sydney Holtschneider, Candise Liverpool, Elizabeth Schartiger, Heather Wahl** and **Emily Yanky**.

Wind Ensemble and the University Chorale in Holiday Concert

Join the FSU Wind Ensemble and the University Chorale as they combine forces to present the Department of Music’s Holiday Concert on **Sunday, Dec. 7**, at 3 p.m. The concert will include a variety of selections that reflect the holiday spirit.

Under the direction of **Philip Klickman**, director of Bands, the FSU Wind Ensemble selections celebrate the holiday season with arrangements by Julie Giroux, the 1992 Emmy Award winner for Outstanding Individual Achievement in Music Direction, featuring “One Torch, Two Women, Three Ships and Men Rejoicing.” Following that, the ensemble will perform “Away in the Manger” by James R. Murray, “Jingle Bells” by James Pierpont, “What Child Is That Playing Carol of the Bells?” and “The Twelve Days of Christmas.” The group will also perform the exciting dance of celebration, “The Eighth Candle (Prayer and Dance for Hanukkah),” written in 1997 by Steve Reisteter.

The University Chorale, under the direction of **Dr. Karen Soderberg** and accompanied by **Dr. James DeWire** on piano, will perform “A Jubilant Song” by Norman Dello Joio, “Sleep, Little Baby, Sleep” by Robert S. Cohen, “The Lamb” by John Tavener, “Corpus Christi Carol” by Trond Kverno (featuring mezzo-soprano **Eleanor Fabic**), “Little Tree” by Eric Whitacre, “The Snow Begins to Fall” by Andy Beck (featuring **David Lee**, student conductor), “Ma’or Tsur (Chanukah Prayer for Children)” by Ryan Brechmacher and Ian Pomerantz and the rousing “Go Tell It on the Mountain” arranged by Stacey V. Gibbs.

The concert will conclude with “A Holiday Sing-Along” arranged by John Moss, featuring the combined efforts of the University Chorale and the Wind Ensemble. This includes several popular carols of the holiday season.

Tickets will be available for purchase at the door and are \$5 for general admission, \$3 for students and free for children 12 and younger.

Theatre

Celebrate Holiday Season With Heartwarming ‘Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge’



Theatre and Dance at FSU will celebrate this holiday season with an ingenious new take on Dickens’ family classic with “The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge” by Mark Brown. Hailed by The Seattle Times as “a sequel worthy of Dickens’ approval,” performances will run **Dec. 5, 6, and 11** at 7:30 p.m.; **Dec. 7 and 13** at 2 p.m.; and **Dec. 12** at 5 p.m. in FSU’s Performing Arts Center.

In this trial of the century, Scrooge returns to his curmudgeonly ways by charging Jacob Marley and the Christmas Spirits with attempted murder, kidnapping, breaking and entering, stalking and the intentional infliction of emotional distress.

It’s 1844, exactly one year after the night in question, and the old penny-pincher goes head-to-head with the savvy and clever Solomon Rothschild in a cross-examination of your favorite characters. As disorder in the court erupts, the audience is led to wonder what will become of the merciful holiday ghosts. Will the strict Judge Pearson, a bit of a scrooge himself, find the spirits guilty as charged? Will the cold-hearted Scrooge get them banished from Christmas forever?

Tickets are \$6 for students and \$12 for the general public. Group discounts are available when booked in advance.

For info, call the Theatre and Dance Box Office at 301-687-7462, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 4 p.m.

Workshops

Safe Zone to Mark Transgender Day of Remembrance With ‘Trans 101’

Nov. 20 is the Transgender Day of Remembrance, a day set aside to remember those who have been killed as a result of transphobic violence. To mark the day, Safe Zone at FSU will host a workshop on “Trans 101” on **Thursday, Nov. 20**, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Lane 108. **Andrew Anastasia**, a lecturer in the Department of English, will focus on information about terminology and things one can do to be an ally to students who are transgender and gender nonconforming.

For info, contact Dr. Julie Hartman-Linck at 301-687-3198 or jehartman@frostburg.edu.

Points of Pride

Dr. Gregory Wood on Panel Discussion at NCHC Meeting

Dr. Gregory Wood, an associate professor in the Department of History and director of the University Honors Program, contributed to a panel discussion at the recent meeting of the National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) in Denver. The discussion focused on ways to recruit, reward and recognize faculty members who teach in honors programs. Wood emphasized that FSU's Honors Program is significantly larger and more vibrant than programs at other institutions.

Dr. Tom Serfass' Research Lab Publishes Variety of Articles

Dr. Thomas Serfass, a professor in the Department of Biology, and members of his research lab have had their research published recently in these journals:

- Serfass, T.L., J.A. Bohrman, S.S. Stevens and J.T. Bruskotter. 2014. "Otters and anglers can share the stream! The role of social science in dissuading negative messaging about reintroduced predators." "Human Dimensions of Wildlife" (in press).
- Peper, S.T., R.L. Peper, G.V. Kollias, R.P. Brooks, S.S. Stevens and T.L. Serfass. 2014. "Efficacy of two canine distemper vaccines in wild river otters (*Lontra Canadensis*)." "Journal of Zoo and Wildlife Medicine" (in press).
- Keller, K.K., C.M. Zoubek, E.H. Kennedy, K.A. Cronin, and T.L. Serfass. 2014. "Effects of transport on fecal glucocorticoid levels in captive-bred cotton-top tamarins (*Saguinus oedipus*)." "Journal of the Pennsylvania Academy of Science" 88(2):84-88.
- Reed-Smith, J, T. Serfass, T. Kihudu and M. Mussa. 2014. "Preliminary report on the behavior of spotted-necked otter (*Lutra maculicollis*, Lichtenstein, 1835) living in a lentic ecosystem." "Zoo Biology" 33:121-130.
- Jessica R. Brandt, J.R., A.L. Brandt, F.K. Ammer, A.L. Roca, and T.L. Serfass. 2014. "Impact of Population Expansion on Genetic Diversity and Structure of River Otters (*Lontra canadensis*) in Central North America." "Journal of Heredity" 105:39-47.

Take Note

It's Snowing! Should I Stay or Should I Go?

Make sure you know how to find out if FSU will be closed, have a delayed opening or close early on bad weather days.

The most reliable information regarding delayed openings and cancellations will be available at the MAIN UNIVERSITY NUMBER (301-687-4000, option 2) after 6 a.m. Notification of delays or closures will also be made through these outlets:

- On the main and "Current Students" page of the FSU website (www.frostburg.edu or www.frostburg.edu/students).
- Via Burg Alert text and email alerts. Registration information is below.
- Through campus email.
- Through local radio stations.
- Via Twitter: twitter.com/frostburgstate.
- On the FSU Facebook page (www.facebook.com/frostburgstateuniversity).
- Via School's Out (www.schoolsout.com/schools/79). Emails and text alerts are available.

Everyone should sign up for Burg Alerts, which, in addition to weather notifications, will be used to alert the campus in any kind of emergency. They can be sent as text messages to your cell phones (standard texting rates apply) and as free emails. To sign up, click www.frostburg.edu/computing/fsualert or visit the Technology page from the FSU front page. Look for "Text Alert System sign up" under "Quick Links." Follow the instructions, using your FSU user name and password to access the site.

You have the option of having alerts sent to two cell numbers and six email addresses, for example, if you want your family members to be informed. (They cannot sign up without your input.) This option is found under "Services." Make sure to follow the validation steps to activate your choices.

Unless FSU closure is announced on the outlets above, WE ARE OPEN. Likewise, the message under option 2 at the main University number will either announce the closure or announce, "There are no delays or closures at this time."

FOR FACULTY/STAFF: Personnel compensation for closures or delays will be based on the appropriate cancellation/delay message as presented on the FSU voice-mail system. A reminder: Essential personnel are required to report to work in the event of any cancellation or delay. These individuals have been notified of their "essential" status by their department heads. If you are unsure of your status, please check with your supervisor.

If, in your judgment, it is not safe for you to come to work or to class while the University is still open, you must contact your supervisor and provide this information. In the event that liberal leave is announced for employees, it is expected that everyone will make an effort to report to work and class. Employees will be charged for the appropriate leave time. **The announcement of liberal leave DOES NOT cancel classes, nor does it relieve essential employees of their need to report to**

work during inclement weather.

FOR STUDENTS: The announcement of liberal leave for employees DOES NOT cancel classes. If you have concerns about your ability to make it to class in bad weather, discuss them with your faculty members BEFORE the weather turns nasty. (If you are a student at a facility outside of Frostburg, officials from that facility will determine closures for those locations.)

Depending on the severity of the weather, **the Ort Library, the Lane University Center and the Cordts PE Center** may open with limited hours and services on days that classes are cancelled. This service is for students living on campus and within walking distance. Do not attempt to drive to campus if the weather is severe enough to warrant closing the University, for your own safety and for the sake of those who must work to clear parking lots and sidewalks. **When it is determined that it is safe to open these buildings, announcements will be made via student email and the front page of the FSU website.**

FOR ALL: The final decision with regard to your personal safety resides with you. Stay warm and be safe.

PLEASE DO NOT CALL UNIVERSITY POLICE OR THE COMPUTER HELP DESK FOR WEATHER-RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS.

PLEASE DO CALL 301-687-4000, OPTION 2, or check the FSU website at www.frostburg.edu.

LOCAL RADIO/TV STATIONS:

The following local radio/television stations will be notified in the event of a closing or delay:

- WFWM (91.9 FM/96.3 FM)
- WFRB (105.1 FM/560 AM)
- WCBC (1270 AM/107.1 FM)
- WTBO/WKGO/Go 106 (1450 AM/106.1 FM)
- WVMD – The Wolf (100.1/99.9 FM)
- WDYK – Magic (100.5 FM)
- WCMD – ESPN (1230 AM)
- WDZN – Z100 (99.5 FM)
- WMSG (1050 AM) Oakland
- WKHJ (104.5 FM) Oakland
- WWHQ (92.3 FM) Oakland
- WLIC/WAIJ (97.1 FM/90.3 FM) Grantsville
- WKLP – ESPN (1390 AM) Keyser
- WQZK (94.1 FM) Keyser
- WWPN (101.1 FM) Westernport
- TV: WHAG-TV Hagerstown

NOTE: If there are mixed messages in the media (one station says we’re open, another says we’re closed) – PLEASE call the University number (301-687-4000, option 2) for clarification. That number will always be the FINAL authority in case of confusion from other sources.

Short-Term Rentals an Option

Do you need a book for a test? Maybe to study for an exam? The University Store may be able to rent any **in stock** book for a short period of 1 day or longer. Ask any clerk for pricing and eligibility.

The Ort Library Displays for November

The first display, on the third floor near the front door, highlights the 45th anniversary of “Sesame Street.” This show, which began in 1969, has aired in more than 120 countries and taught generations of children how to read and count by using short, funny sketches with interesting and colorful muppets.

The second display, on the third floor near room 318, highlights the 100th anniversary of the Federal Reserve and provides info about its importance to the U.S.

The third display, on the fourth floor near the stairs, highlights the 35th anniversary of the Iran Hostage Crisis, highlights the history of the crisis and provides info on some resources the library offers on this topic.

The final display, on the fifth floor, highlights Native American Heritage Month and resources the library offers on Native American heritage. The theme for this year is “Native Pride and Spirit: Yesterday, Today and Forever.”

For info, contact Theresa Mastrodonato at 301-687-4425 or tmastrodonato@frostburg.edu or MaryJo Price at 301-687- 4889 or mprice@frostburg.edu.

Marcellus Shale Listening Project Adds Dates, Times

FSU students are partnering with the Savage River Watershed Association to participate in “Marcellus Shale in Mountain Maryland: A Listening Project” to document local hopes and concerns regarding proposed unconventional natural gas extraction in Western Maryland. While there has been much debate about drilling in the area, little has been done to assess public opinion to assist state and local government officials and county planners.

Community listening events scheduled so far are:

- **Monday, Nov. 17**, 4 to 8 p.m., Oakland Library meeting room
- **Monday, Nov. 24**, 4 to 8 p.m., Grantsville Library meeting room

More dates and times will be added soon. For info, contact Dr. Kara Rogers Thomas at 301-687-3124.

Thanksgiving Reading, Food Drive to Benefit Frostburg Community

Combine your love of literature while helping the less fortunate this holiday season. Make a non-perishable food donation and participate in the Thanksgiving-inspired open-mic reading on **Monday, Nov. 24**, at 7:30 p.m. at Main Street Books at 2 E. Main St. in Frostburg. This year’s reading will be loosely based on the theme of food. Guests are asked to donate non-perishable food items, preferably related to Thanksgiving.

This is the fourth consecutive year this event has been offered. Sponsored by the FSU Center for Creative Writing, Main Street Books and A STAR! AmeriCorps, local writers and community members will start the event with poetry and prose readings. The second half of the event opens the floor to the public. Guests are encouraged to read works of their choice; readers will have a five-minute segment.

This event is free and open to the public. Anyone unable to attend but wishing to make a donation can stop by Main Street Books or the Center for Creative Writing with donations. Non-perishable food items will be collected until **Nov. 24**, and all donations will be given to the Frostburg Pantry Partners.

For info, contact Bethany Doyle at bldoyle@frostburg.edu or call the Frostburg Center for Creative Writing at 301-687-4340. To learn more about Center for Creative Writing news and events, visit the webpage www.frostburg.edu/cwcenter.

Storybook Holiday 2014



Bundle up and join in the winter festivities of this year’s Storybook Holiday on **Saturday, Dec. 6!** The day kicks off with a scrumptious Breakfast With the Elves and a festive parade. Plenty of holiday activities will be available at City Place, Broadway Parking Lot, as well as the Main Street area. Children will have the opportunity to interact with this year’s featured author/illustrator, Janet Stoeke. End the day by purchasing a ticket (in advance at Main Street Books) for the 2014 film, “Christmas in Connecticut,” at Frostburg’s Palace Theatre. For info, contact the Children’s Literature Centre at clc@frostburg.edu or 301-687-3133. Check out the centre’s webpage at www.frostburg.edu/clc.

Frostburg Winter Market at MCTA

The winter market will be held on the following Saturdays, **Dec. 6 and 20**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Mountain City Traditional Arts at 25 E. Main St. in Frostburg. Participating local farms include Savage River and Goodness Grows. For info, email info@wholesomeharvestfoods.com.

FSU Offers Health and Human Performance Lab

The Health and Human Performance Lab featuring body fat testing, flexibility testing, cardiovascular testing, blood pressure screenings and more is free for faculty, staff and students. The lab is in room 110 of the Cordts PE Center. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesdays. Fridays and weekends are by appointment only. For info, contact Dr. Melody Kentrus, the lab director, at 301-6874415 or mhkentrus@frostburg.edu, or Tonnisha Rodgers at tmrodgers02@frostburg.edu.

Graduation Will Be Here Before You Know It!

It’s not too early to think about graduation, especially if you intend to graduate on **Saturday, Dec. 20**, at 2 p.m. in the Cordts PE Center. The Colleges of Business, Education and Liberal Arts and Sciences will present their graduates during a single ceremony. Tickets will be required for admission and each graduate will be allotted five tickets.

If you haven’t yet done so, contact the Registrar’s Office to complete your graduation application and check that your mailing address is accurate in PAWS so you’ll receive all the necessary upcoming info.

Get Involved

S.A.F.E. Office & BURG Peer Education Network Activities



The Girls’ Room, Monday, Nov. 17, 7 p.m., Lane Atkinson Room (232). This interactive workshop, complete with tips, demonstrations and more, empowers college-aged female students with the tools they need to be successful in making a move toward a healthier lifestyle.

Justin Jones, Tuesday, Nov. 18, 7 p.m., Lane Manicur Hall. Come join Justin Jones and learn about successful student leaders. This is a great program for anyone interested in holding positions in student organizations.

“Do You See What I See?” Body Image Program, Friday, Nov. 21, 7 p.m., Lane Atkinson Room. This theatrical-style program follows the journey of three college students as they battle various eating disorders and work toward recovery. Narrated by two peer educators, this program discusses the signs and symptoms of eating disorders as well as what to do if one needs help.

Upcoming UCM Events

For info, contact the Rev. Dr. Cindy Zirlott in Hitchins 308, or at 301-687-7490 or c.zirlott@frostburg.edu.

United Campus Ministry events and programs are open to all members of the FSU Community.

Special Community Opportunities This Month

Campuswide Annual Thanksgiving Worship Event, Wednesday, Nov. 19, 7:30 p.m., Cook Chapel. All religious groups are welcome to participate. Students from various groups on campus will speak on this year’s theme, “From Thanksgiving to Thanks-living.” Students and faculty, alumni musicians and FSU’s new dance ministry team will all participate in the worship. An offering will be taken during the service; donations will go to the homeless shelter in Cumberland for the Thanksgiving meal. You can also bring a canned food item.

FCA 2K Tournament, Friday, Nov. 21, 6:30 p.m. (to closing or game over). The Fellowship of Christian Athletes will host a 2K Tournament in the game room in Lane. The cost is \$3 and all money goes to the Nothing But Nets Campaign. Sign up at FCA or at one of the meetings, or email Chaplain Cindy.

175th Anniversary of St. Peter’s Episcopal Church in Lonaconing, Sunday, Nov. 23, 3 p.m., 6 St. Peter’s Place. For all you history buffs who would like to step back in time, St. Peter’s will use the prayer service from 1839. Come participate in this celebration and the reception afterward.

Weekly Campus Ministry Opportunities

Salvation and Praise Bible Study, Mondays, 7 p.m., Lane 108. This is a student-led Bible study group.

Young Professionals Community Group for the Frostburg-Cumberland Area, Tuesdays, 7 to 9 p.m., Frostburg United Methodist Church, 48 W. Main St. (park in back). Each week there will be a spiritual focus presentation and discussion and a time for encouragement and friendship.

Spiritual Study Break – A Contemporary Vesper Worship Experience, Wednesdays, 9 p.m., Lane 108. If interested in joining the Praise team, contact UCM for practice times.

UCM Dance Ministry Practice, Thursdays, 7 to 9 p.m., Cook Chapel.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Thursdays, 8:15 to 9:30 p.m., Cordts PE Center, Hall of Fame Room. This is a student-led Bible study.

Finding True North Bible Study, Sundays, 6:45 to 9 p.m., Library 237. This is a “Bible Meets Life” study and discussion group.

Student Life

It’s Not Too Early to Start Looking for Housing for 2015-16!

Edgewood Commons has apartments available for the 2015-16 academic year! Info about Edgewood Commons is available at www.edgewoodFSU.com. Apartments come fully furnished and have private bedrooms and semi-private bathrooms. Utilities (gas, electricity, water, Internet and cable) are included in the contract fee. To set up a tour of Edgewood Commons, call 301-689-1370.

Study Abroad

Where in the World Would You Like to Study Abroad?



Michelle Welch – Spain (summer 2014)

The Center for International Education offers various ways for FSU students to see the world. In some cases, students can pay FSU tuition, room and board and study for a semester or a year in Ireland, England, Spain, France, China, Italy, Australia, Peru, South Africa or in many other countries. FSU also offers summer study abroad programs. Financial aid, student loans and scholarships can help fund a study abroad experience. For info on programs or scholarships, visit the Fuller House (across the street from the Braddock House), call 301-687-4714 or email Victoria Gearhart at vmgearhart@frostburg.edu. Also, check out the CIE website at www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/stdyabrd.htm.

Northumbria University, England, Spring 2015

Students can study in England for a semester or a full year. Tuition and fees are paid to FSU while room and board are paid to Northumbria University. Courses will transfer back to FSU with prior approval. Check out the university at www.northumbria.ac.uk.

Brazil, Summer 2015

The College of Business Global Experiential Learning Program will sponsor a study abroad trip to Brazil **June 1 through 10, 2015**. Students will visit Rio De Janeiro and Sao Paulo. Trip activities will introduce students to the splendor of Brazil’s culture and history, its growth and opportunity, and the challenges of economic development in more rural areas.

Students will earn 3 credits by taking one of a number of courses that will be taught online in the first summer session. The cost is \$4,675, plus summer tuition and fees. Students from all majors are welcome.

For info, contact Dr. Jeff McClellan at 301-687-4372 or Dr. Carol Gaumer at 301-687-4052.

New Zealand, Summer 2015

Led by FSU faculty from the College of Education, this three-and-a-half-week experiential program will examine resource conservation and the natural, and related social, history of New Zealand’s South Island. Students will travel to many national parks, forests, wildlife reserves and coastlines to learn from local experts and practitioners, government officials, iwi (Māori tribes) and scientific research bodies.

Students will earn 3 credits. The dates are **May 23 through June 17, 2015**.

Check out the Facebook page at facebook.com/FrostburgNewZealandStudyAbroad or www.BobcatsDownUnder.org.

For info, contact Dr. Natalia Buta at nbuta@frostburg.edu.

China, Summer 2015



The College of Business Global Experiential Learning Program is organizing a study abroad trip to China **from May 29 through June 9, 2015**.

Students will tour Beijing and Shanghai and be introduced to business and management opportunities and challenges, study a development project in Guilin and the Rice Terraces of Longji, as well as visit ethnic minority communities.

Students will earn 3 credits by taking one of a number of courses that will be taught online in the first summer session. The cost is \$3,990, plus summer tuition and fees. All majors are welcome.

For info, contact Dr. Suzanne McCoskey at skmccoskey@frostburg.edu or 301-687-4897, or Dr. Sudhir Singh at ssingh@frostburg.edu or 301-687-4093.

FSU Events Calendar

For info on FSU events, go to <http://events.frostburg.edu/calendar>.

Questions? Call 301-687-4411. All information is subject to change.

Note: FSU is committed to making all of its programs, services and activities accessible to persons with disabilities. To request accommodations through the ADA Compliance Office, call 301-687-4102 or use a Voice Relay Operator at 1-800-735-2258.

Traveling this Thanksgiving?



Remove objects such as ladders that might allow access to your home.

Don’t post Thanksgiving travel plans on Facebook, Twitter or MySpace.

Turn your telephone ringer down.

Never leave a key hidden outside.

Have a friend move your car occasionally.

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